

New in town?

Moving to a new town is stressful, whether you're relocating your business, buying a house, or renting an apartment. Dealing with all of the details related to moving can be overwhelming. You have to change addresses on everything, set up new utility accounts, and learn which rules and regulations in your new town apply to you. Because trying to figure it all out on your own can be daunting, your new City government is here to lend a helping hand.

The City has prepared two brochures – one for new residents and one for new businesses – to make the moving process just a little bit easier. Although brief, the brochures provide a full gamut of relocating issues from utility bills and garbage service to licensing and building permits.

The “New Resident” brochure includes information about utilities, garbage service, building permits for home renovations, how to report problems or concerns, and a listing of important telephone numbers.

The “New Business” brochure has information about sign permits, building permits, special rules for the Historic Business District, and required certificates of occupancy.

These brochures are the result of a joint effort between the Planning & Development Services Department, Finance Department, and City Clerk's office. City staff has tried to anticipate all of the questions people typically have upon moving to a new town – as well as some of the things we wish they would ask – and came up with a simplified summary of relevant information, and who to call with more questions.

Both brochures can be found at the front counter of City Hall, at 116 Union Avenue. You can also download them from the City's website at www.snohomishwa.gov. If you still have questions, staff is always available to go over the information with you.